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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION ISSUE: PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE DEMANDS
REPRESENTATION ON NEGOTIATIONS

1. LOCAL PRESS TODAY REPORTS WITHOUT COMMENT RESOLUTION ISSUED
FOLLOWING DECEMBER 12 MEETING OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF PEOPLE'S
ALLIANCE PARTY AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE NOTES THAT
THE NEGOTIATION PERIOD WITH THE US GOVERNMENT FOR REVIEWING THE
DEFENSE AGREEMENT ENDS ON DECEMBER 24. IT IS CLEAR THAT NO
FURTHER TALKS WITH THE US GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE THAT
TIME AND THUS THE BASE ISSUE WILL THEN ENTER A NEW STAGE.

THE PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE STRESSES THAT IF FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE
US GOVERNMENT ARE HELD, ALL THE GOVERNMENT PARTIES MUST BE
REPRESENTED AND FUTURE TALKS CAN ONLY FOCUS ON HOW TO REACH THE
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AIM OF HAVING ALL FOREIGN TROOPS LEAVE THE COUNTRY DURING THIS

ELECTORAL TERM.

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE IS PLEASED THAT BOTH THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAVE MADE IT CLEAR IN THE ALTHING THAT AFTER THE CHRISTMAS VACATION, THE ALTHING WILL BE ASKED TO GRANT THE GOVERNMENT THE POWER TO TERMINATE THE DEFENSE AGREEMENT.

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE REITERATES ITS FORMER DECLARATION TO THE EFFECT THAT DETERMINED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREED POLICY IN DEFENSE MATTERS IS A PRECONDITION FOR CONTINUED COOPERATION OF LEFTISTS IN THE COUNTRY. END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: THIS MANIFESTO IS LATEST IN PUBLIC DISCUSSION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT COALITION PARTIES ON HOW TO HANDLE DEFENSE MATTERS. NEXT MOVE IS OBVIOUSLY UP TO PROGRESSIVE PARTY. MARTIN

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